

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A composition comprising a reaction mixture comprising a complex of an NSI protein of influenza virus, or a dsRNA binding fragment thereof, and a synthetic dsRNA of about 16 base pairs in length that binds said protein.
2. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein said NSI protein is an NSI protein of Influenza A (NS1A).
3. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 2, comprising a dsRNA binding ~~domain~~ fragment of said NSIA protein.
4. (Original) The composition of claim, 3, wherein said dsRNA binding fragment comprises amino acid residues 1-73 of NS1A.
5. (Cancelled)
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said dsRNA is formed by intramolecular base pairing within a single-stranded RNA molecule and has a length of about 16 base pairs.
9. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said dsRNA binding fragment ~~portion~~ comprises amino acid residues 1-73 of NS1A, ~~and~~ wherein said dsRNA is formed by intramolecular base pairing within a single-stranded RNA molecule and
said dsRNA has a length of about 16 base pairs.
10. (Cancelled)
11. (Original) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a compound being tested for inhibitory activity against influenza virus.

12. (Original) The composition of claim 1, wherein the NS1 protein or the dsRNA is detectably labeled.

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